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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF POLITICAL TRIALS RECENTLY CONCLUDED:

YI PU-YONG AND YI SIM-POM

ACCUSED OF VIOLATING EM-9 BECAUSE THEY HAD COPIES OF UNITED  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF USA RESOLUTION ON KOREA IN THEIR  
POSSESSION, FORMER TONGA ILBO REPORTER YI PU-YONG WAS  
SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON PLUS, ONE YEAR LOSS OF CIVIL  
RIGHTS ON DECEMBER 26 WHILE YI SIM-POM RECEIVED 8 MONTHS JAIL  
SENTENCE PLUS 8 MONTHS LOSS OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

ON DECEMBER 31, YIPU-YONG, SONG YU-PO, FORMER MAKEUP  
EDITOR OF TONGA ILBO AND CHONG CHONG-PONG, FORMER TEACHER  
WERE SENTENCED BY SEOUL DISTRICT COURT TO EIGHT YEARS  
PLUS EIGHT YEARS FOR YI PU-YONG AND FOUR BY FOUR FOR  
THE OTHER TWO FOR VIOLATING NATIONAL SECURITY LAW AND ANTI-  
COMMUNIST LAW. GOVERNMENT CHARGED THAT AS MEMBERS OF  
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"BLUE FRIENDS CLUB," WHICH IS MADE UP OF GRADUATES OF SNU,

YI, SONG AND CHONG PLOTTED TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT.

4 CHUNGANG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

ARRESTED LAST JUNE ON CHARGES THAT THEY WERE PLANNING  
TO WRITE AND PUBLISH ANTI-GOVERNMENT ARTICLES, 3 CHUNGANG  
STUDENTS RECEIVED 1 YEAR PLUS 1 YEAR, ONE STUDENT GOT  
10 MONTHS PLUS 10 MONTHS ON DECEMBER 26.

SNU GROUP

OF 25 SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS BROUGHT TO FINAL  
TRIAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 26, ONE STUDENT WAS ACQUITTED  
WHILE 24 STUDENTS RECEIVED SENTENCES RANGING FROM FOUR YEARS  
IN PRISON PLUS FOUR YEARS LOSS OF CIVIL RIGHTS TO EIGHT  
MONTHS PLUS EIGHT MONTHS. EXECUTION OF SENTENCES FOR SIX  
STUDENTS, GENERALLY THOSE WITH TERMS OF ONE YEAR OR LESS,  
WAS SUSPENDED FOR TWO YEARS. THIS IS TANTAMOUNT TO PROBATION.

NCCC-K CLERGYMEN

SENTENCING OF THREE NCCC-K CLERGYMEN BY APPELLATE COURT WAS  
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY REF E. ON DECEMBER 24, REV. CHO SUNG-KYOK  
AND KWON HO-KYONG WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON. REV. PAK HYANG-KYU  
WHOSE SENTENCE WAS INCREASED FROM ORIGINAL EIGHT MONTHS TO TEN  
MONTHS BY APPEALS COURT WAS NOT RELEASED. ACCORDING NCCC-K  
GENSEC KIM KWON-SOK RELEASE OF TWO CLERGYMEN FOR CHRISTMAS  
WAS OBTAINED THROUGH AGREEMENT THAT NO FURTHER APPEALS WOULD BE  
MADE BY NCCC-K. CHURCH LEADERS HAD HIGH HOPES THAT REV. PAK  
WOULD ALSO BE RELEASED AND HAD SCHEDULED BROWNING ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD CEREMONY FOR DEC. 27. REV. PAK HAD BEEN GRANTED  
EDWARD W. BROWNING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXPANSION OF  
CHRISTIAN GOSPEL ON OCT. 16 WHILE HE WAS IN PRISON. THIS  
AWARD WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW YORK TRUST CO., CARRIES  
STIPEND OF \$5,000 AND MEDAL OF BROWNING. AT HIS WIFE'S REQUEST,  
AWARD CEREMONY WAS CARRIED OUT ON OCT. 27 WITHOUT REV. PAK.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT POLITICAL TRIALS CONCLUDED DURING  
DECEMBER LARGEY COMPLETE CASES OF STUDENTS AND OTHERS WHO WERE  
ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES DURING SPRING  
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